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The Plain Truth About God 101 Allan W. Janssen 2006-05-26 Allan W. Janssen has published: "The Plain truth About God-101 (what the church doesn't want you to know)." God-101 presents a fascinating insight into how the original "cult" teachings of Jesus were altered by Greek philosophy, Pagan beliefs and Pauline thought to become the sayings of "The Christ" and the basis of our modern Bible. God-101 gives an analysis of how the "priesthood" has corrupted Christianity and the other major religions. It shows how "Dogma" has led to the polarization of different sects within the same religion, (Catholic/Protestant - Shiite/Sunni) and how religious strife affects society as a whole, including the upcoming world - wide clash between Christianity and Islam! The book can be reviewed at <http://www.God-101.com> or <http://groups.msn.com/God-101>

Buddha and Early Buddhism Arthur Lillie 1881

Attitudes to Gentiles in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity David C. Sim 2014-01-16 This volume describes the attitudes towards Gentiles in both ancient Judaism and the early Christian tradition. The Jewish relationship with and views about the Gentiles played an important part in Jewish self-definition, especially in the Diaspora where Jews formed the minority among larger Gentile populations. Jewish attitudes towards the Gentiles can be found in the writings of prominent Jewish authors (Josephus and Philo), sectarian movements and texts (the Qumran community, apocalyptic literature, Jesus) and in Jewish institutions such as the Jerusalem Temple and the synagogue. In the Christian tradition, which began as a Jewish movement but developed quickly into a predominantly Gentile tradition, the role and status of Gentile believers in Jesus was always of crucial significance. Did Gentile believers need to convert to Judaism as an essential component of their affiliation with Jesus, or had the appearance of the messiah rendered such distinctions invalid? This volume assesses the wide variety of viewpoints in terms of attitudes towards Gentiles and the status and expectations of Gentiles in the Christian church.

World History-Student James P. Stobaugh 2012-03-01 Respected Christian educator, Dr. James Stobaugh, offers an entire year of high school world history curriculum in an easy to teach and comprehensive volume. *World History: Observations & Assessments from Creation to Today* employs clear objectives and challenging assignments for the twelfth grade student. This study will help students develop a Christian worldview while forming his or her own understanding of world history trends, philosophies, and events. The following components are covered for the student: Critical thinking Examinations of historical theories, terms, and concepts History makers who changed the course of history Overviews and insights into world views. This 288-page student resource should be used in conjunction

with the *World History: Observations & Assessments from Creation to Today* for the Teacher. American History and British History are included in this comprehensive high school history curriculum for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades offered by Dr. James Stobaugh and Master Books.

Jesus, Paul, and Early Christianity Rieuwerd Buitenwerf 2008 This collection of essays by leading experts in New Testament scholarship addresses core themes in the study of early Christianity. The topics addressed include text-critical issues relating to the New Testament, the historical situation in which the earliest Christian documents were composed, early Christian rituals, historical questions concerning Jesus and Paul, and the origin and development of important theological ideas in the early Church. This volume is dedicated to Henk Jan de Jonge (Emeritus Professor in the New Testament, Leiden University) in honour of his important contributions to the field of New Testament Studies.

Studies in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity Pieter W. van der Horst 2014-03-13 The 24 papers in this volume cover a wide range of topics, all of them concerning the religious world of Judaism and Christianity in the Hellenistic, Roman, and early Byzantine era.

The Tommentary Robert Price 2013-02-01 Previous commentaries on the Gospel of Thomas have tended mainly to make this intriguing text less understandable to the general reader, not less. Choking on their authors' methodology, these commentaries are more about them than the text. Robert M. Price brings striking clarity to a fascinating text, bridging the dusty centuries. Price draws on the learning of his predecessors while providing many new interpretations. Does Thomas use the canonical gospels? Or was it written earlier? Why was it excluded from the canon? Is it Gnostic? Watch out! Thomas may become your favorite gospel!

The Church According to the New Testament Daniel J. Harrington 2001 In the last days of the twentieth century, leading New Testament scholar and popular preacher Daniel Harrington, S.J., asked himself two powerful questions: What might the church of the first century have to say to the church of the twenty-first century? And How might a brief sythesis of what the New Testament says and does not say about the church help bring greater vitality within and unity among the churches? The result of Father Harrington's research and thinking is this timely and important book.

Early Christianity and Ancient Astrology Tim Hegedus 2007 Original Scholarly Monograph

A New History of Early Christianity Charles Freeman 2009-01-01 "Tracing the astonishing transformation that the early Christian church underwent - from sporadic niches of Christian communities surviving in the wake of a horrific crucifixion to sanctioned alliance with the state - Charles Freeman shows how

freedom of thought was curtailed by the development of the concept of faith. The imposition of 'correct belief' and an institutional framework that enforced orthodoxy were both consolidating and stifling. Uncovering the church's relationships with Judaism, Gnosticism, Greek philosophy and Greco-Roman society, Freeman offers dramatic new accounts of Paul, the resurrection, and the church fathers and emperors."--BOOK JACKET.

Parables of Enoch: A Paradigm Shift Darrell Bock 2013-01-10 Internationally renowned contributors assess the significance of the Parables of Enoch in the study of Christian Origins, the New Testament and the Second Temple Period.

The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Rhetoric Erik Gunderson 2009-07-09 Rhetoric thoroughly infused the world and literature of Graeco-Roman antiquity. This Companion provides a comprehensive overview of rhetorical theory and practice in that world, from Homer to early Christianity, accessible to students and non-specialists, whether within classics or from other periods and disciplines. Its basic premise is that rhetoric is less a discrete object to be grasped and mastered than a hotly contested set of practices that include disputes over the very definition of rhetoric itself. Standard treatments of ancient oratory tend to take it too much in its own terms and to isolate it unduly from other social and cultural concerns. This volume provides an overview of the shape and scope of the problems while also identifying core themes and propositions: for example, persuasion, virtue, and public life are virtual constants. But they mix and mingle differently, and the contents designated by each of these terms can also shift.

When Sex Was Religion Larry Falls 2010 Evidence of the connection between sex and religion can be found in fertility cults in all nations of the past. When Sex Was Religion takes a comprehensive look at how sexual practices were originally considered a religion before the introduction of Christianity. Dr. Larry Falls, a registered clinical sexologist specializing in sexual abuse trauma and emotional health, spent five years traveling throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe learning about different religions, cultural history, and sexual behavior while working on his doctoral thesis. In his fascinating exploration into the beginning of human reason and the birth of religious thought includes the importance of reproduction, virgins and temple prostitutes, the original meaning of the cross, Devil worship, witches' Sabbath, and the curse of the evil eye. Dr. Falls also proves that the Kama Sutra, an ancient Hindu religious narrative about pleasure, love, and sexuality was really a Bible designed for the purpose of teaching others to gain favor from the gods by engaging in sexual intercourse. Dr. Falls' examination into sex worship demonstrates that phallic reverence was not only a religion, but also a cause for dominance and sexual exploitation that, to this day, remains part of our social structure.

Voices of Early Christianity Kevin W. Kaatz 2013 This fascinating resource examines the day-to-day lives of early Christians—as depicted through documented accounts of the period—from the beginning of Christianity through 325 CE. * Visual aids, including wall paintings from the Christian catacombs and pictures of Roman architecture * A detailed chronology of early Christianity from the faith's beginning through 325 CE

Christianity Reformed From its Roots Jairo Mejia 2008-03-24 Offering positive alternatives to open-minded believers and unbelievers alike, *Christianity Reformed from Its Roots* challenges the traditional beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church on God, Jesus, and the Bible. Using the text of the New Testament, theologian and philosopher Jairo Mejia challenges us to rediscover the real Jesus, a humble Peasant of Nazareth glorified by his resurrection. Mejia argues compellingly that

a true concept of God is more vital today than ever before and can be understood by both agnostics and atheists—thus asserting that there is no contradiction between science and religion, but a smooth and fulfilling meshing of the two. **Institutes of the Christian Religion** John Calvin 2019-01-31 *Institutes of the Christian Religion* is John Calvin's original work of systematic theology. Regarded as one of the most influential works of Protestant theology, it was published in Latin in 1536 (at the same time as Henry VIII of England's Dissolution of the Monasteries) and in his native French language in 1541, with the definitive editions appearing in 1559 (Latin) and in 1560 (French). The book was written as an introductory textbook on the Protestant creed for those with some previous knowledge of theology and covered a broad range of theological topics from the doctrines of church and sacraments to justification by faith alone and Christian liberty. It vigorously attacked the teachings of those Calvin considered unorthodox, particularly Roman Catholicism, to which Calvin says he had been "strongly devoted" before his conversion to Protestantism. The *Institutes* is a highly regarded secondary reference for the system of doctrine adopted by the Reformed churches, usually called Calvinism.

Tolerance, Intolerance, and Recognition in Early Christianity and Early Judaism Outi Lethipuu 2021-06-16 This collection of essays investigates signs of toleration, recognition, respect and other positive forms of interaction between and within religious groups of late antiquity. At the same time, it acknowledges that examples of tolerance are significantly fewer in ancient sources than examples of intolerance and are often limited to insiders, while outsiders often met with contempt, or even outright violence. The essays take both perspectives seriously by analysing the complexity pertaining to these encounters. Religious concerns, ethnicity, gender and other social factors central to identity formation were often intertwined and they yielded different ways of drawing the limits of tolerance and intolerance. This book enhances our understanding of the formative centuries of Jewish and Christian religious traditions. It also brings the results of historical inquiry into dialogue with present-day questions of religious tolerance.

Anti-Judaism in Early Christianity: Paul and the Gospels Peter Richardson 1986-04-30 The period since the close of World War II has been agonizingly introspective—not least because of the pain of reassessing Christianity's attitude to Judaism. The early Christian materials have often been examined to assess their role in the long-standing negative attitude of Christians to Jews. The motivation for the early church's sometimes harsh attitude was partly theological—it needed to define itself over against its parent—and partly sociological—it needed to make clear the line that divided the fledgling group of Christian believers from the group with which it was most likely to be confused. This collection of studies emphasizes the context and history of early Christianity in reconsidering many of the classic passages that have contributed to the development of anti-Judaism in Christianity. The volume opens with an essay that clearly delineates the state of the question of anti-Judaism in early Christianity. Then follow discussions of specific passages in the writings of Paul as well as the Gospels.

The Lost Key Ebrahim Soufiani 2012-10 Dr Soufiani, founder and director of a civil engineering firm in London, is a London University PhD qualified and practising civil and environment engineer. He was researcher at University of London, research assistant at University of East London, and lecturer at Iran University of Science & Technology. Soufiani's passion about Persian literature has steered him to over ten years of extensive research with a great Persian philosopher,

Manuchehr Jamali. Jamali has managed to open up many incredible doors to him in comprehending Persian literature to its true meaning of values, love, unity, and dignity. Soufiani's understanding of Eastern and Western cultures has given him a great leverage in his exploration of Persian literature in comparison with Western civilization and the lack of democracy in the Middle East. With this book, he highlights Persian literature as an invaluable asset and the lost key in opening the lock of the declining morality in our modern world and the absence of democracy in the Middle East. The world must sincerely assist in exploration of this nation's literature for the sake of morality. The Middle East must explore and use her own invaluable potential rich literature to rise and fly from her own ashes to establish the ethical society that will give them the tools for building and establishing the foundation of a democratic system. Many Persian poems have been translated throughout this book to highlight the core values of beautiful Persian romantic and humanistic culture.

On This Rock E. A. Judge 2020-10-15 The command of the risen Christ was to make students of all nations: "On this Rock I will build . . ." But the spread of the Pentecostal gospel disrupted the national values of eternal Rome, with her increasingly international citizenship. Loyalty to the Caesars, obligatory in the Roman world, could not break the Christians' trust in their Christ. In despair the government gave in to the unimaginable: Galerius tolerated the Christian "alternative communities" and their divergent outlook on life. One must now tolerate living in two incommensurate communities at once. This is at the heart of Late Antiquity. The Rock remains, but masked in the antique ceremonial of "religion." That late antique compromise has laid the foundation for the interaction of church and state in the modern West. *Successor to Paul and the Conflict of Cultures* (2019), this seventh collection of Judge's historical essays explores the development of Christianity in Roman society from the New Testament era to the time of Constantine and beyond—always with a view to the modern situation.

The Oxford Handbook of the Apocrypha Gerbern S. Oegema 2021 The Oxford Handbook of the Apocrypha addresses the Old Testament Apocrypha, known to be important early Jewish texts that have become deuterocanonical for some Christian churches, non-canonical for other churches, and that are of lasting cultural significance. In addition to the place given to the classical literary, historical, and tradition-historical introductory questions, essays focus on the major social and theological themes of each individual book. With contributions from leading scholars from around the world, the Handbook acts as an authoritative reference work on the current state of Apocrypha research, and at the same time carves out future directions of study. This Handbook offers an overview of the various Apocrypha and relevant topics related to them by presenting updated research on each individual apocryphal text in historical context, from the late Persian and early Hellenistic periods to the early Roman era. The essays provided here examine the place of the Apocrypha in the context of Early Judaism, the relationship between the Apocrypha and texts that came to be canonized, the relationship between the Apocrypha and the Septuagint, Qumran, the Pseudepigrapha, and the New Testament, as well as their reception history in the Western world. Several chapters address overarching themes, such as genre and historicity, Jewish practices and beliefs, theology and ethics, gender and the role of women, and sexual ethics.

The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Biblical Interpretation Paul M. Blowers 2019 The Bible was the lifeblood of virtually every aspect of the life of the

early churches. This Handbook explores a wide array of themes related to the reception, canonization, interpretation, uses, and legacies of the Bible in early Christianity.

Conceptions of "Gospel" and Legitimacy in Early Christianity James A. Kelhoffer 2014-05-14 Whether he is asking about the role of New Testament exegesis among other academic disciplines, the suppression of anger in Pauline writings, or at what point came to designate a written Gospel, James A. Kelhoffer's patient and careful exegesis provides an intriguing lens through which to view early Christianity. Many struggles of early Christ believers, he finds, reflect intra-ecclesial struggles to establish the legitimacy of a view or a religious leader vis-a-vis competing ideologies or leaders. Those already familiar with Kelhoffer's *Miracle and Mission* (2000), *The Diet of John the Baptist* (2005) and *Persecution, Persuasion and Power* (2010) will find in this volume refreshing insights suggested but not developed in his other books.

Prophecy and Inspired Speech in Early Christianity and Its Hellenistic Environment Christopher Forbes 1995

Christianity in Eurafrica Steven Pass 2016-10-01 Christianity in Eurafrica is an impressive book, meticulously researched and well written by a professional scholar. The first chapter includes some valuable historiographical guidelines for writing and understanding the History of the Church. In its first part, the book traces the history of the Church in the Middle East and Europe, explaining the roots of theological diversity to this day. In the second part, the author narrates how the Faith moved south, took root in African soil and grew independently. Many pictures and illustrations serve to further enliven the account. Steven Paas, taught Theology in Malawi for many years. He writes from a deep knowledge of and love for the Lord's Church, especially in Africa and Europe. This textbook on the history of Christianity in two continents fits with the curricula of institutions of theological training in Africa and the West. The content is especially aimed at students who prepare for the ministry and for Christian education. The book is, however, also invaluable for all scholars of the History of Christianity.

Handbook of Early Christianity Anthony J. Blasi 2002 Visit our website for sample chapters!

Sōtēria: Salvation in Early Christianity and Antiquity David du Toit 2019-07-01 This volume, dedicated to Cilliers Breytenbach on the occasion of his 65th birthday, presents studies on salvation in the New Testament and other Early Christian writings as well as in the Hebrew and Greek Bible, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Philo and Greco-Roman texts.

Astrology and Cosmology in the World's Religions Nicholas Campion 2012-06-11 Presents overviews of the astrologies of the world's religions, discussing how various cultures have used celestial observations and beliefs about the heavens to engage with the divine and understand their lives on Earth.

Maidens, Magic and Martyrs in Early Christianity Jan N. Bremmer 2017-07-13 In this work, Jan N. Bremmer aims to bring together the worlds of early Christianity and those of ancient history and classical literature - worlds that still all too rarely interlock. Contextualising the life and literature of the early Christians in their Greco-Roman environment, he focusses on four areas. A first section looks at more general aspects of early Christianity: the name of the Christians, their religious and social capital, prophecy and the place of widows and upper-class women in the Christian movement. Second, the chronology and place of composition of the early apocryphal Acts of the Apostles and Pseudo-Clementines are newly

determined by paying close attention to their doctrinal contents, but also, innovatively, to their onomastics and social vocabulary. The author also analyses the frequent use of magic in the Acts and explains the prominence of women by comparing the Acts to the Greek novel. Third, an investigation into the theme of the tours of hell suggests a new chronological order, shows that the Christian tours were indebted to both Greek and Jewish models, and illustrates that in the course of time the genre dropped a large part of its Jewish heritage. The fourth and final section concentrates on the most famous and intriguing report of an ancient martyrdom: the Passion of Perpetua. It pays special attention to the motivation and visions of Perpetua, which are analyzed not by taking recourse to modern theories such as psychoanalysis, but by looking to the world in which Perpetua lived, both Christian and pagan. It is only by seeing the early Christians in their ancient world that we might begin to understand them and their emerging communities. (Publisher's description).

The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Nero Shadi Bartsch 2017-10-31 A lively and accessible guide to the rich literary, philosophical and artistic achievements of the notorious age of Nero.

The Nativist Prophets of Early Islamic Iran Patricia Crone 2012-06-28 Patricia Crone's latest book is about the Iranian response to the Muslim penetration of the Iranian countryside, the revolts subsequently triggered there, and the religious communities that these revolts revealed. The book also describes a complex of religious ideas that, however varied in space and unstable over time, has demonstrated a remarkable persistence in Iran across a period of two millennia. The central thesis is that this complex of ideas has been endemic to the mountain population of Iran and occasionally become epidemic with major consequences for the country, most strikingly in the revolts examined here, and in the rise of the Safavids who imposed Shi'ism on Iran. This learned and engaging book by one of the most influential scholars of early Islamic history casts entirely new light on the nature of religion in pre-Islamic Iran, and on the persistence of Iranian religious beliefs both outside and inside Islam after the Arab conquest.

Voyages in World History Valerie Hansen 2022-06-06 Discover how history is composed of the captivating stories of interesting people with Hansen/Curtis' VOYAGES IN WORLD HISTORY, 4E. Every chapter in this updated edition centers on the story of a different historic traveler while reinforcing a central theme -- the constant movement of people, goods and ideas throughout the world. The fascinating voyages of merchants, poets, rulers, explorers, soldiers, missionaries or scholars provide the framework for each chapter. New discussion questions and features prompt you to carefully consider and debate what you are reading. New inserts and special features demonstrate how information connects across chapters, societies and time periods. You learn about people, places and events that are crucial to understanding the global context of world history. This edition is available as a complete volume or split into VOLUME 1: TO 1600 and VOLUME 2: SINCE 1500.

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The Jesus Phenomenon Greg Rigby 2016-03-31 The Jesus Phenomenon examines the likely possibilities for the existence of the person who became known as Jesus Christ. The book looks at his most likely ancestry, the link with David and why that might have been important, the bloodline that led to his conception, the implications after his death, and the possibility that there are direct descendants. The author examines the evidence and investigates the various possibilities for a credible and realistic basis of the Jesus Christ story and the

claim that Jesus was the "Son of God." This insightful book proposes a radical new hypothesis that fits all the facts as we know them and eliminates many of the conventions at the heart of Christian teaching.

Holy Fable Volume IV Robert M. Price 2020-04-21 In this fourth volume of Robert M. Price's celebrated Holy Fable series, he turns his critical lens away from the Bible and toward a broader range of scriptural works that were written, or rediscovered, in modern times. Employing the same sympathetic but eagle-eyed treatment that defined past volumes, he offers in-depth analysis of the Joseph Smith-penned Book of Mormon; the long-sealed Gospel according to Thomas; the New Age Jesus of the Aquarian Gospel; the H. P. Lovecraft-invented Necronomicon; and the Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar. With his trademark scholarship and wit, he demonstrates how and why this eclectic mix of contemporary scriptural work provides genuine spiritual inspiration to a colorful variety of religious groups and seekers today.

Studies on the Text of the New Testament and Early Christianity Daniel Gurtner 2015-11-23 A collection of essays in honour of Prof. Michael Holmes. The volume is arranged in two parts focusing on textual criticism and the Apostolic Fathers respectively.

A Companion to Women in the Ancient World Sharon L. James 2015-06-15 Selected by Choice as a 2012 Outstanding Academic Title Awarded a 2012 PROSE Honorable Mention as a Single Volume Reference/Humanities & Social Sciences A Companion to Women in the Ancient World presents an interdisciplinary, methodologically-based collection of newly-commissioned essays from prominent scholars on the study of women in the ancient world. The first interdisciplinary, methodologically-based collection of readings to address the study of women in the ancient world Explores a broad range of topics relating to women in antiquity, including: Mother-Goddess Theory; Women in Homer, Pre-Roman Italy, the Near East; Women and the Family, the State, and Religion; Dress and Adornment; Female Patronage; Hellenistic Queens; Imperial Women; Women in Late Antiquity; Early Women Saints; and many more Thematically arranged to emphasize the importance of historical themes of continuity, development, and innovation Reconsiders much of the well-known evidence and preconceived notions relating to women in antiquity Includes contributions from many of the most prominent scholars associated with the study of women in antiquity

The Early Church at Work and Worship - Volume 3 Everett Ferguson 2017-10-19 This is the third volume of Ferguson's collected essays, and includes some of his most memorable work, especially on "laying on of hands."

Windows on Early Christianity James W. Aageson 2016-03-18 This book is introductory, but it is not an introduction to biblical content or to the history of early Christianity in the typical sense. Each of the chapters addresses a different aspect of the material and provides its own perspective on the origin of the church and early Christianity. The chapters begin with questions that in turn focus the discussions. The chapters can be read as independent, freestanding arguments and can be mixed and matched, enabling readers to investigate the respective topics independently. However, the chapters also follow a logical narrative line. In addition, images and diagrams are used to assist in making critical points and to enrich the visual sense of the material. The image of the window serves to give readers lines of sight into the material where historical intersections and patterns begin to emerge.

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Apostolical Records of Early Christianity John Allen Giles 1886